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## 2014 MCAS Dates - Parent Letter

Dear Haynes School Community,

Marked on the district calendar are the MCAS administration windows provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. We wanted to provide you with a more specific schedule for the upcoming MCAS tests. Please see below for exact dates your children will be taking the exam. Please ensure your child gets sufficient rest the night before any tests and eats breakfast. Children should also bring a substantial snack and a small water bottle to school; hydration is key to concentration. Juice or soda should not be in any bottle. It is imperative that all children be in school during testing. Please try to avoid any appointments or trips that will prevent your child from attending school. In the event your child is absent, he/she will make-up the test they missed on the day they return to school.

Test	2014 Date
Grade 3 Reading	March 20 and 21
Grade 3 Math	May 7 and 8
Grade 4 Long Comp	March 18 (make-up: March 27)
Grade 4 E/LA	March 24 and 25
Grade 4 Math	May 12 and 13
Grade 5 E/LA	March 17 and 19
Grade 5 Math	May 5 and 6
Grade 5 Science	May 14 and 15

The MCAS is just one of the measures we use to track student growth and ensure that our curriculum and instruction align with the state's learning frameworks. Please help us reassure students that they have the skills and strategies to be successful. All they need to add is their best effort and a positive attitude.

Sincerely,

Kim Swain & Chase Eschauzier  
Haynes Principals

## Calling All Haynes Scientists - Project Registration Deadline is Jan. 31st!

Registration for the Science Fair continues through Friday, January 31st. Some key facts about the 2014 Science Fair are:

- Date: **Wednesday, February 12th**
- Time: Set up from 5:15 to 6:00, **Fair From 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**
- Online Registration will open on **January 6th**. Click [HERE](#) to register
- Online Registration Deadline is **January 31st** - there will be no extension ([more...](#))

## HOP Newsletter - Renew Your Subscription Today!

In conjunction with the launch of the new HOP website, we are establishing a new distribution list for the HOP weekly newsletter. If you wish to continue receiving the newsletter, please take a moment and [subscribe](#) to the new mailing list before January 31, 2014. Please remember to sign up for every email address that you would like to receive the newsletter. You can access the subscriber page by

clicking on the link in this article or by clicking on the blue "Newsletter" button in the top right-hand corner of the [HOP website home page](#). The first newsletter in February will be sent out to the new mailing list, so don't delay - resubscribe today so you don't miss out on any of the current happenings at Haynes!

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## Ice Skating at the Frog Pond in Boston Common

*A METCO Event for Sudbury and Boston families.*

Please join us on **Saturday afternoon, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:30-3:30** for an afternoon of winter fun! Bring the whole family and your friends! Purchase tickets for skating upon arrival. Skate rentals available. Let us know if you are coming so that we can plan for snacks!

Metco Co-Chairs: [Judy Merra](#) and [Stef Reinhorn](#)

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## Save Your Seats . . . It's Bingo Time!

Bingo Night is coming! It's **Friday, February 28th**. There are two seatings: **5:30 - 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.** The cost is \$5.00 per person (children under 3 are free). Reservations must be made in advance, no "tickets" will be sold at the door. Print the [Bingo Reservation Form](#) and reserve your spots today!

Once you decide which session your family will attend, please [volunteer](#) for a shift. Volunteers are needed for registration, refreshments, recorders, spotters and the raffle and prize tables. Visit the [Bingo Volunteer Page](#) for a list of all open positions and book your spot online by clicking on the job you are interested in.

We couldn't do it without you! Thank you!

Bingo Co-Chairs: [Michelle Haarde](#) and [Jill Kushinsky](#)

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## Third Grade Parents: Colonial Festival

*"Many Hands Make Light Work"* - John Heywood, 1546

Hear ye! Hear ye! The 3rd Grade Colonial Festival will be on **Wednesday, March 12th at 9:00 a.m.** While some of you have stepped forward to help (thanks!), we could still use some more volunteers. If you've been thinking about helping out, planning has begun and now is the time to sign up. Volunteers, both new and experienced, women and men, are needed- please consider volunteering to share in the excitement.

Do you like to cook? Come make Johnnycakes or help serve a Colonial feast! More the active sort? Roll hoops and play hopscotch with us for a morning! Are you crafty? Help kids try their hand at paper quilling! None of the above? Willing to learn something new? No experience is needed . . . just your enthusiasm!

Opportunities available to those who can share a little of their time, and those who are looking for a larger role. Visit the [Colonial Festival Volunteer Page](#) to review and sign up for the volunteer opportunities available. Thanks in advance for helping out with what promises to be a memorable day!

Colonial Festival Co-Chairs: [Mandy McKenzie](#) and [Jodi Sparks](#)

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## Science Fair - Volunteer Opportunities!

The Science Fair is fast approaching (February 12th). Please help us make this wonderful event a success. There are many volunteer opportunities:

**Reviewers:** Half hour shifts where volunteers will review children's projects. Lots of interaction with our

budding scientists. This is also an excellent opportunity for LSRHS students to earn community service credit. **No scientific knowledge necessary.**

**Bake Sale:** Twelve bakers needed to bake, wrap and label treats for sale at the Science Fair.

**Refreshment Sales:** Help serve food and drinks during the Science Fair. **5th graders and adults needed.**

**Set-Up:** Help set-up for the Science Fair immediately following early release.

**Clean-Up:** Help clean-up immediately following the Science Fair.

To sign up to volunteer, please visit the [Science Fair Volunteer Page](#) on the website.

Science Fair Co-Chairs: [Jenn Wall](#) and [Emily Hayes](#)

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## New Items at Haynes Hawk Nest School Store!

The [Haynes Hawk Nest School Store](#) is selling a number of new items, including monster journals and race car pens, and restocking some old favorites. There are also some price changes to note: pencil grips and take-apart animal erasers are now 50 cents and glow-in-the-dark pencil-top erasers are now 25 cents. The store will be open from 8:45 - 9:05 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday from January 7th - February 13th. **Grades 1, 2 and 3 are invited to shop every Tuesday morning and Kindergarten, 4th and 5th graders will be able to shop every Thursday morning.** Please remember that student purchases are limited to \$4.00 maximum each week.

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## Sudbury Angels Book Drive

Once again, Haynes will be participating in the annual Sudbury Angels Book Drive to benefit the Fitchburg Public Schools. The collection will be held

**February 3-14, 2014.**

So, PLEASE look on your book shelves...look in your attic...look in your basement...ask your friends and neighbors to look for new or gently used fun books that could help a child (Pre K - 8th Grade) learn the enjoyment of reading. A great family project is to go through your bookshelves together and decide which books your children would like to pass on to another child. **NO RELIGIOUS, TEXT BOOKS OR ENCYCLOPEDIAS, PLEASE.**

Drop your books in the bins in the Haynes front office or arrange a pickup by calling Kate Helman at 978-443-5835.

The Red Raiders Lending Libraries of Fitchburg are grateful for your donations!

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## Join the Planning Team for Your Child's Festival

The following festivals are in need of coordinators:

**SCIENCE INVESTIGATIONS** - The fifth graders will be celebrating their Science Investigations on Wednesday morning, **April 9, 2014** (not to be confused with the all-school Science Fair that is being held in February). Further information and volunteer opportunities will be forthcoming, but we **need two or three 5th grade parent/guardian co-chairs** to help Ms. Duckett with the planning of this festival.

**MEXICO FESTIVAL** - The second graders will be celebrating the Mexico Festival on Wednesday morning, **April 30, 2014**. Further information and volunteer opportunities will be forthcoming, but we **need two or three 2nd grade parent/guardian co-chairs** to help Mrs. Costello with the planning of this festival.

**JAPAN FESTIVAL** - The first graders will be celebrating the Japan Festival on Wednesday morning, **May 21, 2014**. Further information and volunteer opportunities will be forthcoming, but we **need two or three 1st grade parent/guardian co-chairs** to help Mrs. McWeeney with the planning of this festival.

If you are interested in co-chairing any of these festivals, please contact [Jill Marsh](#) or [Joanne Minassian](#).

Thanks for your consideration!

## Auction 2014 - We Need Your Help!

The HOP Board is actively **looking for an auction team for next year**. The auction, which is scheduled to take place in November 2014, is an important fundraising event and also a great way for the Haynes community to connect and enjoy a night out while benefiting the school. The auction helps to fund valuable experiences for Haynes students, such as grade-level festivals, science and cultural arts enrichment, playground equipment, and new technology.

Auction planning takes a village, and is not the job for one person! If you are interested, please be assured that we will help to build a team of people so that responsibilities are divided and manageable. There will also be plenty of support from the HOP leadership along the way. In addition, former auction teams have in place a very organized template and handover for the event, and would be available for consultation at any time. We also welcome you to put your stamp on the event and are open to new ideas and formats.

In order for there to be an auction in 2014, we will **need to have a team in place by March**, so if you are interested, please let us know.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this opportunity further, please let us know.

Thank you!

[Maggie Walsh](#)

[Laura Howrey](#)

[Joanne Minassian](#)

## Chair Needed for Lotus Blossom Fundraiser

Eat delicious Chinese food and raise money for HOP at the same time? Sign me up! We are currently looking for someone to Chair the Lotus Blossom Fundraiser event this spring. It's a perfect event for someone who doesn't have a lot of time to give or is looking for that one extra thing to round out their volunteer schedule for the year. The time commitment is less than two hours total and can be done almost entirely from home. For more details on how you can help with this event, please contact [Laura Howrey](#).

### Upcoming Events

#### [School Store](#)

January 28 and 30

#### [5th Grade Puberty Ed. - Parent Meeting](#)

January 28

#### [Early Release - ILAP](#)

January 29

#### [Family Math Night](#)

January 30

#### [Ice Skating at Frog Pond](#)

February 1

### Community News

#### [FELS Talk - Jan. 30](#)

#### [Dancing With The Staff - Jan. 31](#)

#### [Goodnow Library February Events](#)

#### [Sudbury SEPAC Board Meeting - Feb. 3](#)

#### [Sudbury SEPAC Workshop on Basic Rights In Special Education - Feb. 3](#)

#### [Sudbury SEPAC School Comm. Report - Feb. 5](#)

#### [Sudbury Youth Soccer - Spring Registration](#)

[Kitchen Chemistry \(Grade 5\)](#)

February 3

[School Store](#)

February 4 and 6

[Lights and Lasers \(Grade 2\)](#)

February 6

[Flame the Band](#)

February 7

[Sudbury SEPAC Parents' Night Out - Feb. 8](#)

[Sudbury SEPAC Parent Coffee - Feb. 27](#)

[Sudbury Girls' Softball - Registration Is Open](#)

For more information, please visit [www.HaynesPTO.org](http://www.HaynesPTO.org) or contact us by email: [HOP@HaynesPTO.org](mailto:HOP@HaynesPTO.org).

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